

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In connection with the Notice of Allowance, the Examiner issued an Examiner's Amendment in which he canceled claims 15-23 and 29-33. By this paper, applicants request the rejoinder of those claims to the application and their allowance.

M.P.E.P. § 821.04 requires that, for claims to be rejoined to an application after allowance of an independent claim, they must depend from the allowed claim. If the claims do so depend, then they must be examined for patentability under 35 U.S.C. §§ 101, 102, 103 and 112.

All of the non-rejoined claims depend from claim 1, whether directly or indirectly. As required by M.P.E.P. § 821.04, therefore, all of the claims for which rejoinder is sought should be rejoined unless there is some other basis for their rejection. The Examiner has not articulated any rejection of those claims under any basis, and therefore there is no ground for failing to rejoin those claims.

Accordingly, it is submitted that the cancellation of those claims by the Examiner's Amendment should be rescinded, and the claims rejoined and allowed.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application. However, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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